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## LOAN CASE ENDS.

### ASPERSIONS ON BROKER RESENTED.

#### FINAL ADDRESS.

In his address this morning, Mr. Eldon Potter, counsel for the plaintiffs in the action brought by the stockbroking firm of Messrs. Moxon and Taylor, for the recovery of an alleged loan of \$37,600 from the Man Chuen Bank, dwelt at some length on what he described as the improbability, firstly, of the defendant's wish not to break faith as being the motive for his pursuance of the arrangements for the loan through Messrs. Lammert's; and, secondly, of Lammert's coming into Court to deliberately commit perjury, when such a step served no conceivable purpose.

As regards the first of these points, there had been shown the urgency of the Bank's need for the loan, and, as regards the second, counsel asked:—What motive could induce Lammert's to say that he had the money to lend to Tsang, when, according to Tsang's own evidence, Lammert had said that he could not lend the money himself? Would Chan, their authorised clerk, have taken this responsibility on himself by going to Tsang to say that Lammert's had the money? Chan would have then placed himself in most unfortunate position.

Counsel next dealt with Mr. Nissim's evidence and alluded to Mr. Jenkins's complete silence on this in his address, when in fact Mr. Nissim's evidence furnished a very important point in the case as showing that although no actual contact was established on June 6th between Mr. Nissim and the defendant, yet what passed when Mr. Chan acted as intermediary between them in Ice House Street, must have made the fact aware to defendant that in the negotiations Mr. Chan and Messrs. Lammert's were acting only as agents.

The question of defendant being ignorant of Moxon and Taylor's vital interest in the loan was next referred to by Mr. Potter, who quoted from Lammert's letter to the Stock Exchange on 14th September as establishing that, at all material stages of the arrangements, the position of the defendant *vis-à-vis* Messrs. Moxon and Taylor was clearly fixed and understood. It was fantastic, said counsel, for the other side to raise the question that Lammert's were only dealing with Dastur, and not with Messrs. Moxon and Taylor as a firm.

Later, Mr. Potter, in referring to the absence of the defendant's name in the account books of Messrs. Moxon and Taylor, said that it was the normal and ordinary way of entering the transaction in the case of the undisclosed principal, and in the present instance it met all practical purposes, for the time being, to enter the item under the heading of Lammert's. It was also the normal and ordinary way on the Stock Exchange for brokers not to endorse cheques which passed between them, and in the present instance, as in others, Lammert's gave their own cheque to the defendant.

The answer to a criticism by his learned friend was as that given by Mr. Lammert. It was obvious whether Lammert's were agents or principals—it was immaterial in this argument—that Lammert's should have taken on a loss of \$100 in taking the shires from the defendant bank at 196 and turning them over to Moxon and Taylor at 190%.

Proceeding, Mr. Potter said:—As regards this attack on Mr. Birkett, in which, of course, Mr. Lammert is involved with him, unfortunately, when you remember it for the nice things which my learned friend says of him, it is

### TROUBLE BREWING AT SHEKKI.

### RESENTMENT AT OFFICIAL ORDER.

#### MORE REFUGEES.

Hundreds of refugees still pour into Macao from the hitherto peaceful township of Shekki, according to reports to hand this morning, which indicate that serious trouble is brewing as the result of an order sent by Chan Kung-pok, the Chief of the Labour Department, to the effect that the businesses of the three principal vegetable dealers are to be closed down forthwith.

Shekki, of course, is the biggest marketing centre in the Heungshan district, and her merchants control the export of vegetables to Macao and Hongkong. The public are resentful, it is stated, at the total injustice of the order, which was conveyed to the Magistrate telegraphically a few days ago.

Our correspondent points out that the trouble arose through illegal picket activity, followed by the capricious demands of the strikers, and the public opinion is that the carrying out of such an order would constitute nothing less than condemnation of their various offences against the peace and good order of the district.

The Magistrate up to the present has taken no step to carry out the order, and the police are said to have frankly refused to enforce the closing down of the premises.

The deputy sent by the Department of Labour and Agriculture has been making every endeavour to bring about a settlement of the general strike, but the strikers are unreasonable and so far his efforts have come to nought.

### MOTOR FATALITY.

### CHINESE GIRL DIES AFTER ACCIDENT.

Of the motor mishaps that occurred yesterday, one had fatal results. A Chinese girl, seven years of age, living in the married quarters at Mong Kok Police Station, was knocked down by motor car No. 1110, in Coronation Road, Kowloon.

She was removed to the Kwong Wah Hospital, but her parents took her home after she had been attended to. She died during the night.

A Chinese boy received injuries to his head, when he ran across Queen's Road East, near the Grand Théâtre, and was struck by a mudguard of car No. 1910. He was taken to the Tung Wah Hospital, but was not detained.

The driver of motor lorry 1443 has reported to the police that when driving along Queen's Road Central, he stopped to avoid a collision with a hand truck, which was coming from Jubilee Street. The lorry skidded, and knocked down a Chinese girl, aged ten years. She was bruised on the forehead, but refused to go to hospital.

### CHARGE WITHDRAWN.

### SEQUEL TO ATTEMPTED MURDER.

Owing to the prosecution's witnesses having absconded, a charge of attempted murder preferred against a young Chinese, before Mr. J. H. B. Nihill at the Kowloon Magistracy this morning, was withdrawn by the Crown and the defendant was accordingly discharged.

The defendant was arrested in connection with the attempted murder of a money-changer of Laichikok. It will be recalled that on the night of February 26, whilst the complainant was in his shop, an unknown person approached the premises, produced a revolver and fired at the money-changer, inflicting an abdominal wound.

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### FRENCH "SCENE."

### SENSATIONAL INCIDENT IN CHAMBER.

#### MINISTER FAINTS.

Paris, March 18. A ministerial statement by the new Briand Government has been read in the Senate and Chamber. It stated that the Government was anxious finally to settle inter-Allied indebtedness and would pursue the negotiations, which at present were in a promising condition; and it would strive to end the antagonism of Europe as it did at Geneva within the framework of the League of Nations. The fact that Germany's entry into the League had been adjourned was not the fault of the Locarno signatories. France's financial problem still awaited solution, and the Government was in duty bound to secure a completely and unequivocally balanced budget. The Government demanded a prompt vote on the Bill restoring single-member Constituencies. Its paramount aim was "achievement," for the country had suffered too long from discord and crises, and wanted to feel itself governed.—Reuter.

Later.

The Chamber has passed a vote of confidence in M. Briand's new Ministry by 361 vote to 164. Reuter.

A NOISY SITTING.

Later.

After M. Briand had read the above Ministerial Declaration, he said that the Government, owing to the necessity of resuming the financial debate as soon as possible, only accepted for immediate discussion an interpellation on the constitution of the Cabinet.

This was accepted without a division, but the Chamber was soon feverishly excited by a Royalist Deputy's criticism of M. Malvy (the new Minister of the Interior) whom M. Briand stoutly defended till a din of protests from the Right obliged the Premier to rescind his seat.

Subsequently, as the result of M. Herriot's appeal to the Chamber, M. Briand proceeded. He claimed that an agreement had been achieved at Geneva and urged the necessity of voting funds. He concluded by saying: "If you intend to overthrow the Government, do it immediately."

After loud applause from the Left and the Centre, M. Barillat, a Member of the Right, re-attacked M. Malvy, whom he charged with having on his hands the blood of men shot for indiscipline in 1917 and who had been led astray by M. Malvy's defeatist campaign.

Before the performance was scheduled to begin, a considerable number of extra local Guards were enrolled, and other means were employed to obtain warning of any likely attack.

The merciless vengeance taken by Ho Pak came in an unexpected direction.

The elders are demanding that troops be sent from Canton to clear the district of the bandits.

### TRAGIC BOMB OUTRAGE.

### TWENTY KILLED AND MANY INJURED.

#### BANDITS' REVENGE.

Paris, March 18. Speaking to pressmen after his return to-day from Geneva, M. Vandervelde, in recalling M. Briand's remark about the revision of the constitution of the League pointed out that there were provisions in the Covenant which it would be difficult if not impossible to revise. He contended that permanent seats should be held by the Powers with general interests and if the idea of giving permanent seats to lesser Powers were admitted, it would be impossible to know where to stop. He declared that the result of the Geneva crisis was a check and not a catastrophe. The resignation of Belgium was unthinkable, and if the question of additional permanent seats to the Council came up again he would give full weight to Belgium's numerous claims for a permanent seat.

—Reuter.

BRITISH REGRET.

London, March 18.

The Executive of the British

League of Nations Union has un-

animously resolved regretting

that Germany was not immediate-

ly admitted to the League, and

expressing astonishment and indi-

gation that Germany's admis-

sion "was made the subject of

secret bargains, pledges and even

threats utterly at variance with the

methods and spirit of the League."

The resolution draws attention

to the extreme danger involved

by the creation of any permanent

and irremovable members what-

soever, except a few Great Powers,

whose continuous presence is

necessary to give strength and

authority to the Council."

GERMANY NOT PROMISED MANDATES.

London, March 18.

The *Morning Post* cor-

respondent at Washington says three thousand claims

have been filed in the State

Department against Britain

for violation of neutral rights in

wartime, many of these

being frivolous.

The correspondent recalls

decisions by the United States

Supreme Court against English

shipper during the Civil

War to show that a Court, in

pursuance of those rulings,

would be compelled to reject the

present claims.—Reuter's

American Service.

London, March 18.

In the House of Commons, Capt.

Walter Shaw (Cons.) declared that

a provisional promise was given to

Germany at Locarno to the effect

that if she entered the League she

might ultimately obtain a Colonial

Mandate, and he asked whether the

Dominions approved of such an

undertaking.

Mr. Locker-Lampson replied that

it was indicated to the German

delegation at Locarno that Ger-

many, as a member of the League,

would be a possible candidate for

Colonial mandates like all other

members, but it was incorrect to

suggest that any promise or under-

taking was given to the German

Government.—Reuter.

AUSTRALIA'S ATTITUDE.

Melbourne, March 18.

In the House of Representatives,

Mr. Bruce said that the Com-

monwealth Government instructed its

representatives at Geneva that it

did not favour an increase in the

permanent members of the League

Council apart from Germany.—

Reuter.

AMERICA'S POPULATION.

ELEVEN MILLIONS GROWTH

IN SIX YEARS.

New York, March 18.

The Census Bureau estimates

that the population of the United

States on August 1st will be 117,-

35,317, which is an increase of

over eleven million since 1920.—

Reuter's American Service.

PRINCE'S HOLIDAY.

TO VISIT THE CONTINENT.

Rugby, March 18.

It is announced that the Prince

of Wales intends to visit the Con-</

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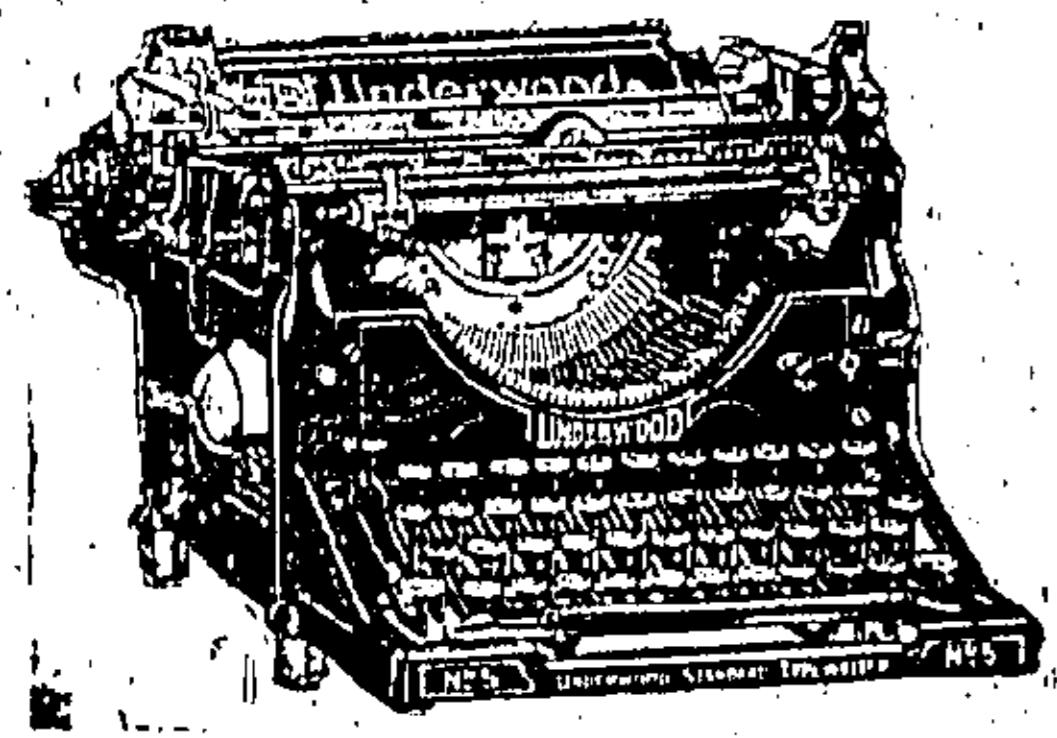
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### KOWLOON RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION.

#### INTERESTING MATTERS DISCUSSED.

Extension of Children's Playground.

The first meeting of the new Committee of the Kowloon Residents' Association was held on Monday, the Rev. J. Horace Johnston presiding. The new roll of the Committee was laid on the table as follows:—Rev. J. H. Johnston (President), Dr. J. C. Macgown (Vice-president), Mr. J. M. Alves (Hon. Treasurer), Mr. C. W. Skeet (Hon. Secretary), Rev. Fr. Spudin, Rev. G. R. Lindsay, Capt. T. T. Laurenson, Messrs. J. E. Anderson, W. J. Stokes, E. Cock, S. W. Tso, B. W. Tso, Wong Kwong-tin, J. L. Parren, M. M. Watson, F. H. Crapnell, E. Abraham, E. V. M. R. de Sousa, J. M. Noronha, F. W. Stapleton, and A. W. Eastman, of whom all but four were present.

The first matter dealt with, after the minutes and Treasurer's report, was the extension of the children's playground in Chatham Road so as to occupy some of the railway land behind the present fence and accommodate the swings, etc., at a safer distance from the highway. The Government has already indicated willingness to apportion a plot of land for this purpose, and a sub-committee was formed to conclude the negotiations, viz., Messrs. J. E. Anderson, J. M. Alves, A. W. Eastman, F. H. Crapnell, Capt. T. T. Laurenson and Mr. E. Cock.

To this Children's Playground Committee some other kindred matters were delegated, and the members will be pleased to consider any suggestion relating to the welfare of the young children of Kowloon. — Star Ferry Wharf Alterations. The next business related to the improvements which the "Star" Ferry Company are contemplating in the arrangements for access and exit of passengers at the Hongkong wharf. A letter from the Company, dated 13th January, was read, inviting the K.R.A. to consider the proposed alterations, of which a sketch was enclosed. The out-going Committee having had no opportunity of dealing with the question, and the new Committee realising that it required careful thought, a small sub-committee, consisting of Messrs. J. M. Alves, E. Cock and W. J. Stokes, was appointed to examine the plan and report to the committee on April 9th.

In regard to the proposal of the Sanitary Board to institute in Kowloon a system of cleansing servants' quarters of European houses which has been for many years in force in Hongkong (excepting the Peak district), a further letter was read from the Sanitary Department explaining that no expense would be caused hereby to tenants and that furniture and effects would be moved to passages, balconies, etc., as convenient, and that the cleansing will not be done in rainy weather. The Committee approved a trial of the system along these lines, and hope that Kowloon residents will give the experiment every encouragement and report to them any practical difficulty or inconvenience which may arise and which they think may be obviated in future.

A Dangerous Corner. The interruption of the work near the Po Hing Theatre for straightening Nathan Road was mentioned, and the Committee being informed that the completion of the work was to be postponed on grounds of economy, found themselves at a loss to understand how such a course could be justified. It appeared to them that as

### AMERICA'S AMAZING CLAIM.

#### BORAH AND VIOLATION OF NEUTRAL RIGHTS.

London, March 18. British circles are astonished at the idea underlying Senator Borah's resolution on which Reuter's Washington correspondent says the Foreign Relations Committee had not yet acted.

It is indicated that Mr. Kellogg will welcome the opportunity of discussing the question with Senator Borah and Mr. Kellogg and Ambassador Houghton will discuss it at pending conferences. Another message says there is no evidence that the United States intends to push her claims seriously (for compensation for violation of America's neutrality before she entered the war).

The London papers are unable to understand how such a claim can be prosecuted. The Daily Telegraph's diplomatic correspondent says British circles are completely taken aback and decline to credit that the United States will give official effect to the suggestion. He is of opinion that Americans have too keen sense of equity and humour to be influenced by such divagations.

The correspondent argues that juridically America will be estopped from advancing such a claim by her own acts as a co-blockader after her entry into the war.

The Morning Post's diplomatic correspondent points out it was at America's instigation, when she entered the war, that Japan was asked to tighten her grip on eastern waters. The Daily News says there is reason to suppose the claims total millions of pounds and adds, it goes without saying that Great Britain will emphatically repudiate the Borah contention, but it seems certain that powerful political and commercial interests in the United States press it.—Reuter.

the new road is almost finished, the expense of completing it must needs be small compared with the value of the corner site which would be made available as a source of revenue. But even if their estimate of the financial position should be entirely wrong, they were very strongly of opinion that the menace to public safety as things are, although in some measure reduced by the work already done, is still so serious that further delay would amount to culpable neglect. The Hon. Secretary was instructed to write to the Colonial Secretary accordingly.

A letter from a member calling attention to the fact that the Mongkok Police Station was not on the telephone was read and the Hon. Secretary was instructed to write to the Capt. Superintendent of Police to ask if this could not be done for the convenience of residents in the Ho-mun-tin district.

#### Bus Service.

The question of the bus service in Kowloon will be ventilated at the next meeting of the General Committee on April 9th. The Officers of the Association will welcome communications from residents expressing their views on this and similar questions affecting the welfare of the community. These may be addressed to any Officer of the Association, or to P. O. Box No. 346.

The Committee is desirous of keeping in close touch with public opinion on these matters in order to take prompt action to remedy any unsatisfactory conditions existing.

The Association will always welcome additions to its membership.

### THE LEAGUE FIASCO.

#### MOMENTOUS SESSION CLOSED.

London, March 18. It is understood that the committee to examine the question of reorganisation of the Council will include members of the Council and representatives of Switzerland, Poland, Germany, China and the Argentine.

The last-named is an interesting inclusion, in view of the Argentine's withdrawal from the League three years ago on account of a divergence of opinion notably regarding the composition of the Council. It is also noteworthy that Germany is included, though they were not members.

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more honourable process than the blackmailing competition just ended.

The Daily Chronicle accuses France of gerrymandering the League, but if Sir Austen Chamberlain had taken a stronger stand a month ago, the trouble would not have risen.

The Daily News finds Sir Austen Chamberlain and M. Briand jointly responsible for the disgraceful proceeding which made the League an "Aunt Sally" for every political jackanape.

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### ITALIAN MURDER TRIAL.

#### SOME STARTLING EVIDENCE GIVEN.

Chiari, March 18. Startling evidence was given on the resumption of the Matteotti trial when two clerks testified that they saw the actual kidnapping of the man by four others whom they were unable to identify. One man hit their victim in the stomach and then threw him into a motorcar and drove off.

Signor Nello Quilici, the ex-head of staff of the newspaper Corriere Italiano, directed by the Fascist, Filippelli, testified that on June 10 Filippelli was allowed to drive home in his motorcar, which Dalmati drove. The car left Quilici's garage the following morning. Quilici discovered the car was damaged, the upholstery being cut, and the window broken. A pair of journalist's scissors were lying inside. He was dissatisfied with Filippelli's explanation and so retired from the paper. The Fascist counsel, Sig. Farinacci, formally disclaimed any connection between the Fascist party and Filippelli.—Reuter.

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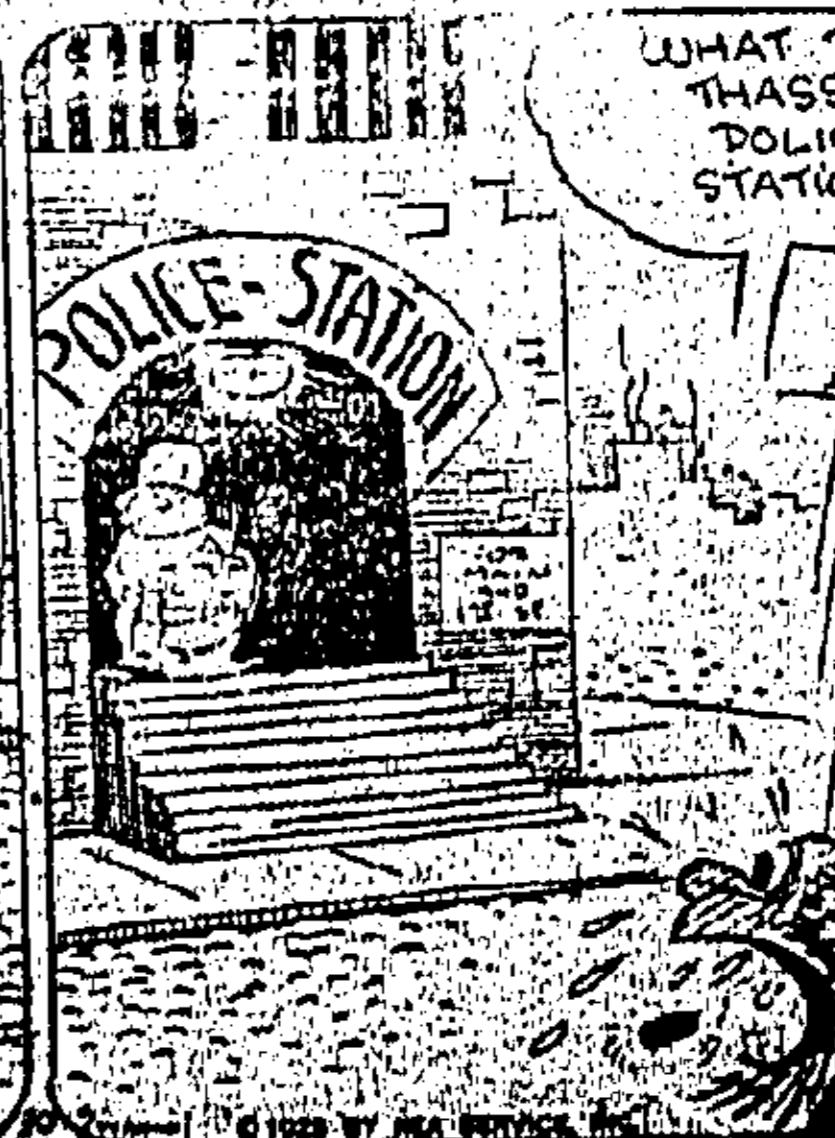
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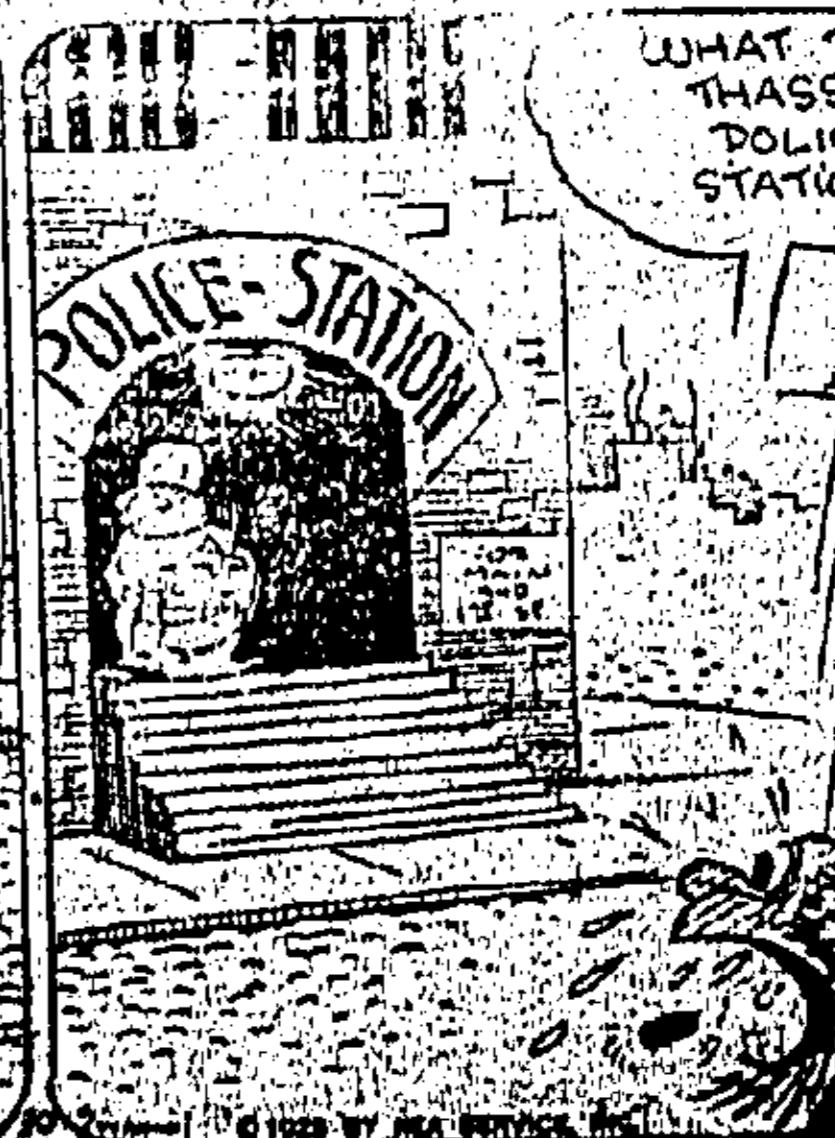
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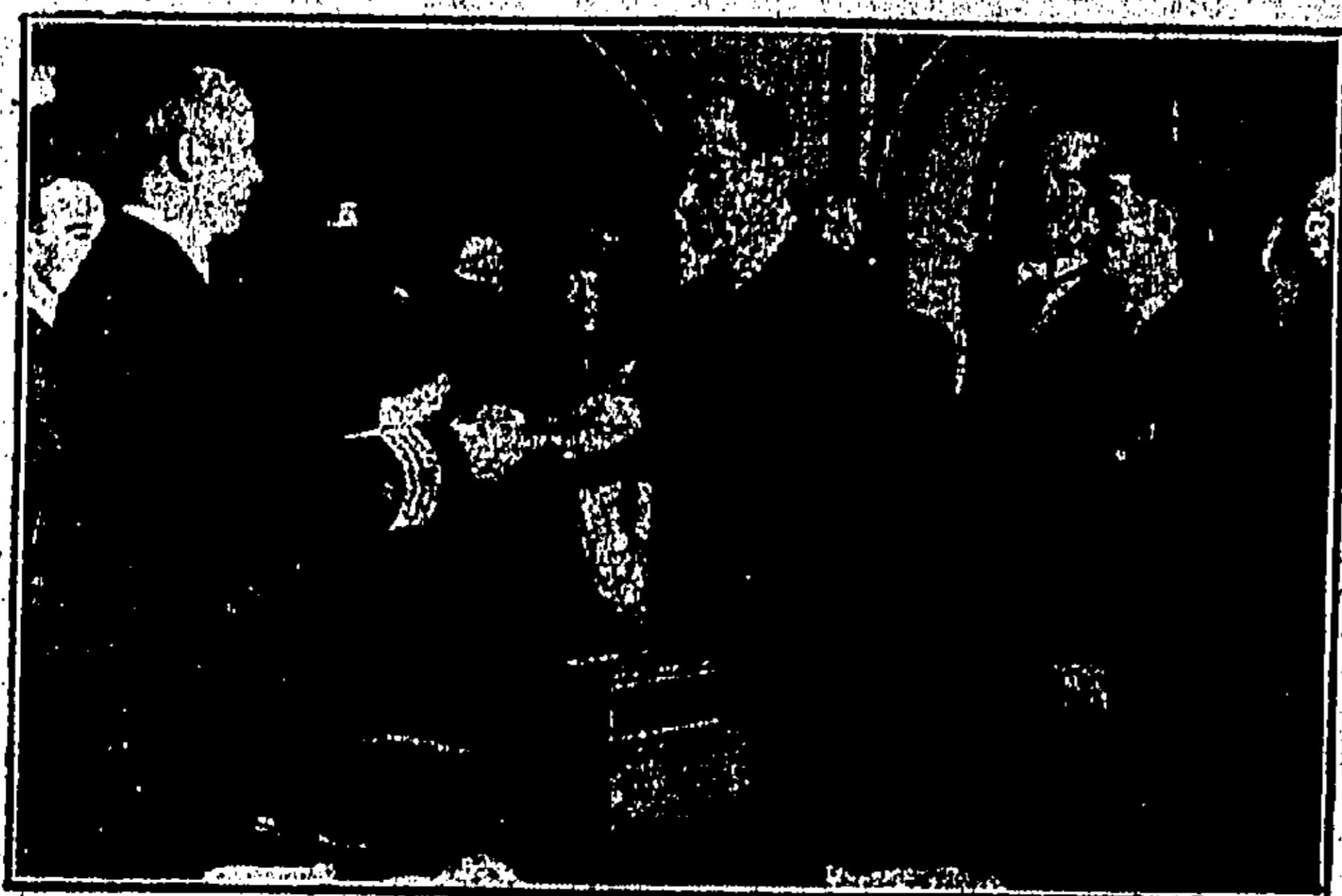
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Antinoe Survivors.



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An Arab Display in the Sudan.



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Shaking hands with Captain Harry Tose of the Antinoe is the Mayor of Plymouth. Mrs. Tose is beside the captain, beside her Captain George Fried of the President Roosevelt and then Captain Goldsmith, representing the First Lord of the Admiralty.

Klan Conducts a Funeral at Arlington.



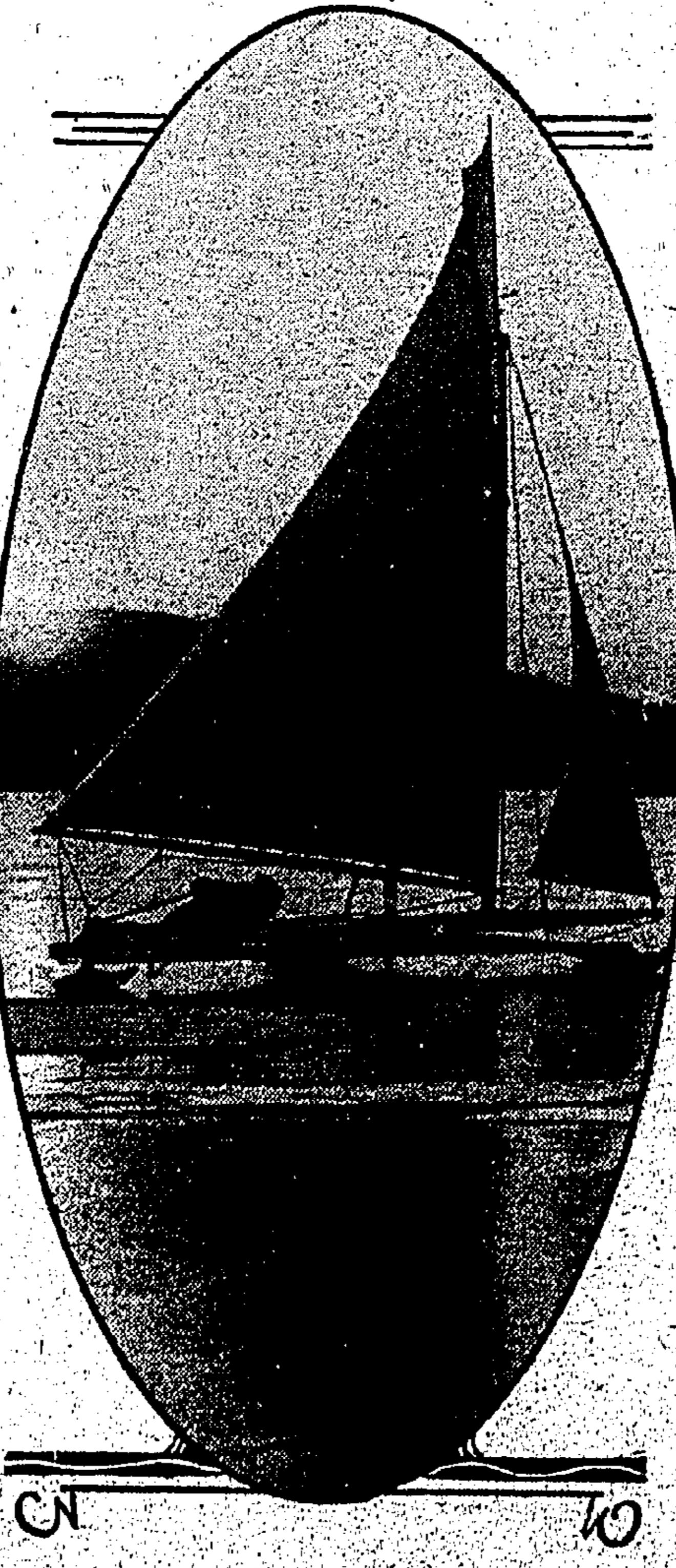
Arlington National Cemetery had its first burial under Ku Klux Klan auspices, when Samuel E. Fleming, a war veteran, was interred. The body was shrouded in Klan robes.

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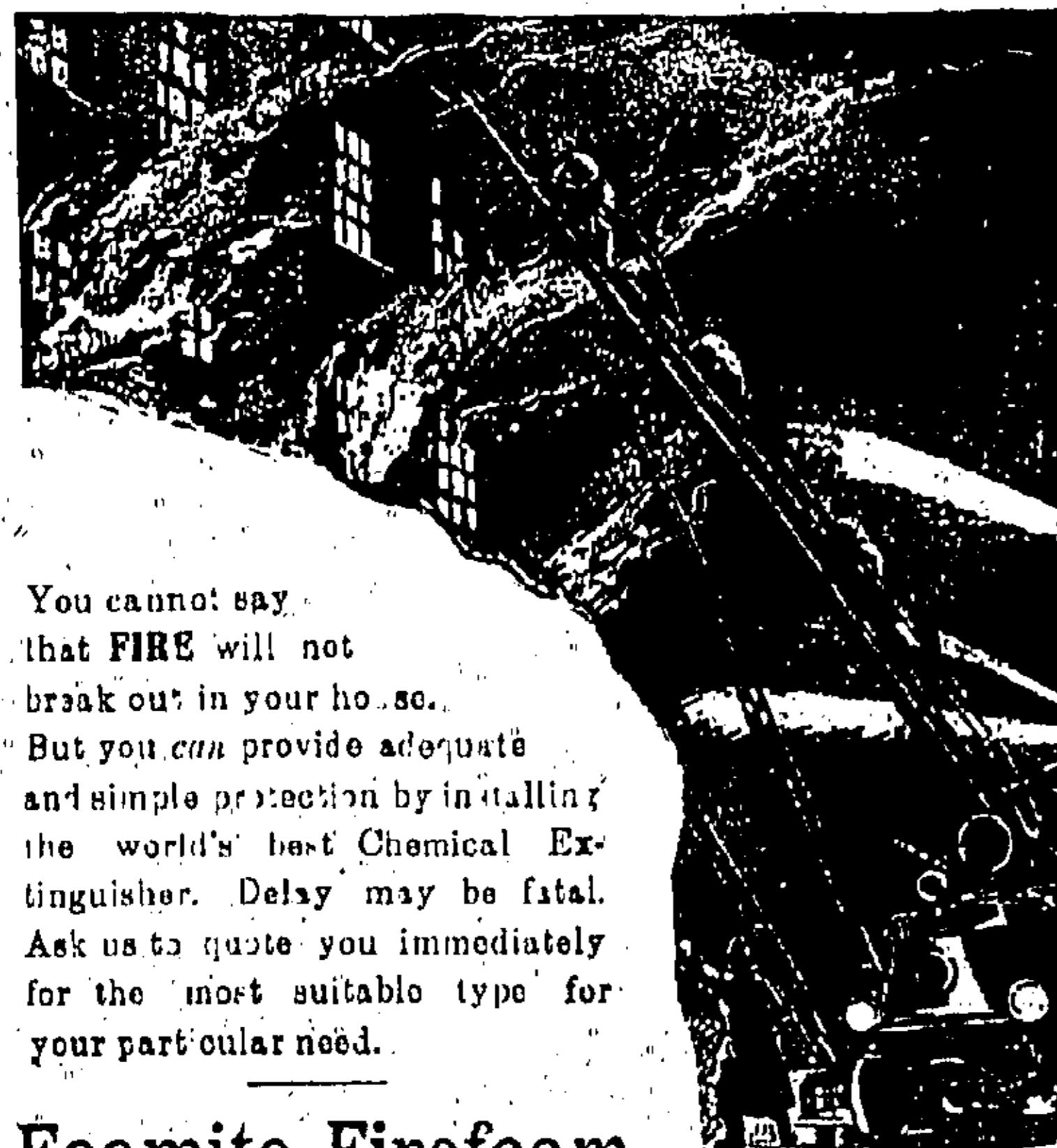
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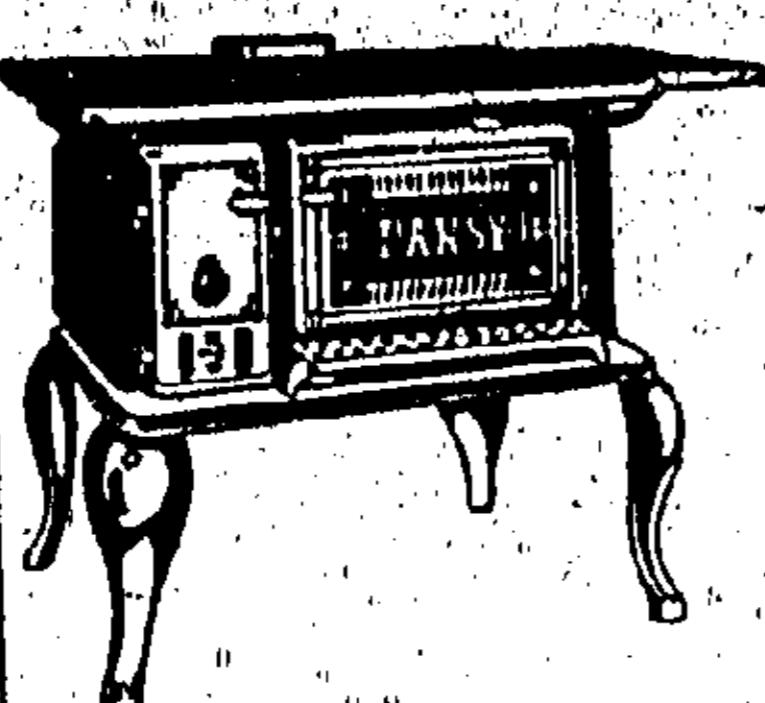
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## EUROPE UNPURGED.

In spite of the formal protestations by the representatives concerned that there is nothing wrong in spirit between the countries who were parties to the Locarno Pact, the impression persists that Europe is still the centre of political intrigue and distrust that has earned for it such an unenviable reputation among the nations of the New World. The fiasco that has resulted from the attempt by Germany to join the League of Nations must not be charged wholly to Brazil, although it was at the last ditch that that country proved to be the stumbling block. There are not a few who will think that Brazil was "acting under orders" and it is rather difficult to share in the general optimism that everything will be plain and pleasant sailing when Germany's application comes up again in September.

Where is the Locarno spirit in actual evidence? There is plenty of lip service—in fact there seems to be a competition between the big men to try and say the nicest thing possible—but it is in deeds and not words that one looks for the interpretation of Locarno. If we look at Italy, for example, we see the sorry spectacle of a dictator strutting and declaiming much as did the Kaiser in the days before the war. Signor Mussolini has adopted the cloak (actually, by a trick of fate, as well as metaphorically) of the ex-ruler of Germany, and attired in gorgeous raiment (he didn't know it was second-hand) recently made a speech which in pro-war days would have brought disaster in its train. He is, to use a popular schoolboy phrase, "throwing his weight about" in really alarming manner, and he has bombastically and rudely told Germany that Italy will do just as she pleases with the people in the territory she has gained since the war. He said that Italy would not allow the matter to be discussed in any assembly. That is hardly helpful to the spirit of mutual co-operation and pacification supposedly born at Locarno, and it may well be that the leading European powers will yet have to remind the Fascist leader and his country that sabre-rattling and noisy bombast cannot be tolerated too long. The temporization of the British press, as reflected

by the papers just to hand, is getting a little impatient of this now would-be Kaiser.

And if we turn to Spain we find a dictatorship in power which tolerates no opposition—not even the passive opposition of a leading Spanish jurist who says he would rather not take up a certain office. Personal liberties and rights are not only threatened, they are actually assailed. In Greece, General Pangalos has executed a coup which puts the military in power over the civil authority and such a condition is the very abnegation of personal freedom either in speech or action. Between the actual signatories of the Locarno Pact there is (Italy excepted, perhaps) outward friendliness, but this recent acute difference of opinion among the Powers making up the League of Nations is bound to have its repercussions. There are few encouraging signs that Europe has, by the late war, been purged of its national jealousies and hatreds, and what looked, a few weeks ago, like the dawn of a new and brighter chapter has proved to be but a mirage and nothing substantial. Baron Ishii, the Chairman of the League's Assembly, very truly said in his closing remarks, that they had to retrieve the lost position; we would go further and say that the statesmen of Europe have got to begin all over again facing facts and not just expressing pious hopes.

## A Surprising Proposal.

Senator Borah seems to have a penchant for stirring up needless trouble, and we are not surprised that his latest venture into the realm of international politics should have aroused so much astonishment in London. He has introduced into the Senate a resolution requesting the State Department to report what steps have been taken towards the negotiation of American claims against Britain and France in connection with the violation of the rights of neutrals prior to America's entry into the war. A more unfortunate proposal could hardly have been made, and we cannot imagine any serious-minded politician coming forward with it at this time of day. If there was ever any intention of pushing such claims, surely there was no necessity to wait until more than seven years after the conclusion of the war to bring them forward. Moreover, America's whole position in the matter obviously became altered once she joined hands with the Allies and herself fell in with the general policy adopted towards neutrals. The diplomatic correspondent of the *Daily Telegraph* stresses that point when he argues that the United States will be estopped from advancing such claims by her own acts as a co-blockade after her entry into the war. We are glad to see that there is hardly any likelihood of the matter being pushed to extreme limits, but all the same, the raising of the issue just now is distinctly deplorable. It is likely to create the impression that America is out for her pound of flesh at all costs, and any political assistance in the dissemination of such an idea is doing his country the greatest possible disservice.

## RUBBER SITUATION.

## QUESTION OF MORE RELEASES.

London, March 18.

In the House of Commons, Col. H. C. Woodcock asked what were the intentions of the Colonial Office as regards a further increase in the release of rubber under the Stevenson Scheme.

Mr. Amery said he was closely watching the rubber situation, and hoped to be able to make a public notification in due course. With regard to the release of rubber under the Stevenson Scheme, he would make an announcement as early as possible, probably within a fortnight. *Reuters*.

## DAY BY DAY.

HAPPINESS IS NOT THE END OF LIFE: CHARACTER IS.—Henry Ward Beecher.

The weather forecast up to noon to-morrow is—N. to N.E. winds, fresh; overcast at first, finer later.

The ordinary yearly meeting of the Hongkong and Whampoa Dock Co., Ltd., is advertised for Monday, March 29th, at noon.

The s.s. *Haiching* reports a derelict junk with one mast showing off the East Ninipin bearing N.W. about 2½ miles.

A derelict junk of about 1,000 piculs capacity is floating in Latitude 21° 46' N. Longitude 113° 17' E; reports the Portuguese vessel *Sun Li*.

When a Chinese woman was visiting a friend, she fell down in a fit, and received injuries to her head. She was taken to the Government Civil Hospital.

Amongst the passengers who left by the Empress of Canada were Dr. G. D. R. Black, Mr. and Mrs. G. E. Osland Hill, Mr. C. S. Gubbay, Mrs. Lindsay, Mr. C. A. Peol, Mr. C. Peacock, Mr. D. Keith and Mr. E. Zeitlyn.

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Although deaths from street accidents had increased from 368 in 1921 to 606 in 1925, it was stated at the L.C.C. that it was hardly possible for the Council to do anything in the matter.

## CANTON UNIVERSITY.

## NEW CHANCELLOR IN OFFICE.

A new regime has been inaugurated for the National University of Kwangtung at Canton with the appointment of a trained scientist and educator as Chancellor.

Dr. Min-ye Tsu, the new Chancellor, was educated in France for a period of seventeen years. He is a versatile linguist, speaking English, French, German and Japanese. By profession he is a surgeon, having obtained his degree in Strasbourg University. Before proceeding to France, Dr. Tsu had been a student in Japan. Owing to the restrictions of the Japanese authorities, however, he left for France where he took much interest in the welfare of the Chinese immigrants and made great improvements in the Chinese schools and institutions all of which have prospered through his exertions.

At the outbreak of the Revolution in Huichin in 1911 Dr. Tsu returned to China and rendered valuable services in the revolutionary movement. After this he devoted himself to the work of education in company with Messrs. Tsai Yuen-pi, Li Yu-ying, Wang Ching-wei, Woo Ching-hung and others, and with their assistance the Sino-French Educational Association, the Institut Franco-Chinois of Lyon, and the University of work in Belgium were firmly established. In January last year Dr. Tsu was present at the graduation ceremony of Hongkong University on behalf of Civil Governor Hu Han-min. He was appointed Dean of the Medical College of the National University of Kwangtung in July last; and was recently appointed President of the University in succession to Mr. Chou Loo, for whom he acted for some time last summer during Mr. Chou's absence.

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## POLICE OFFICERS DUE FOR LEAVE.

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## "LAONIA" DINNER.

## HAPPY FUNCTION AT HONGKONG HOTEL

Unstinted praise was bestowed on Captain E. T. Britten, commander of the Laconia, and complimentary references made to Hongkong, and the excellence of its Police Force, at a dinner which was attended by a party of the American tourists, at the Hongkong Hotel last evening.

The dinner was given, as a token of appreciation of the excellent work done by Captain Britten on the voyage, by Mr. Edward Sykes, Honorary Commissioner of the New York Police Department, and although the party was not large, it was most happy one. Another guest of honour was the Hon. Mr. E.D.C. Wolfe, Captain Superintendent of Police. Others present at the dinner table were the Rev. John A. McGoldrick, who has earned fame by building a church and a school, each of which accommodates about five hundred, and cost \$300,000, at Baldwin, Long Island; Captain Carson, of Philadelphia; Judge Kaarlo Ignatius, President of the Court of Appeal, Finland; Mr. C.D. Pugsley, lawyer and banker, New York; Mr. H. Sweet, Mrs. E. S. Sawbelle, Miss K. A. Larson, Mrs. M. L. Cleveland, Mr. Paul McGinnis (journalist), Mrs. Clarke, Miss H. L. Parkhurst and Sub-Inspector Darling (Hongkong Police Force).

## INTERESTING SPEECHES.

After Mr. Sykes had toasted Captain Britten and the Hon. Mr. Wolfe, Mr. Pugsley made a short speech in which he dwelt on the able administration of the British Government in the Colonies. He also referred to Mr. Clarke, the director of the liner's cruise, who is making his sixth trip round the world; and his wife, who is making her fifth. He laid stress on the excellent service the Cunard line offered to travellers, after which he spoke of Hongkong, and expressed high appreciation of its beauties.

The Rev. J. A. McGoldrick also spoke, and made special reference to the good work Mr. Sykes had done for the New York Police. He dealt with the question of the care of widows, dependents and orphans of police who had lost their lives in the service of the city after being employed for only a few months. Mr. Sykes, he said, had started a fund to help them, and had dug deeply into his own pocket, and the pockets of his friends as well. He spoke in glowing terms of the splendid seamanship of Captain Britten, and referred to their visit to Hongkong as having been enjoyable, in spite of the adverse weather.

Both Captain Britten and Mr. Wolfe replied, thanking Mr. Sykes for entertaining them.

## DANCERS JOIN IN.

During the time the speeches had been in progress, dancers in the Roof Garden, where the dinner was held, had evinced a lively interest in the proceedings and the whole room applauded the speakers to the echo. After one outburst of applause, Mr. Wolfe rose, and, holding his glass aloft, said that as the dancers were taking such an interest in their little gathering, he would ask them to join him in drinking the health of the good ship Laconia, its captain, its passengers, and among those passengers, Mr. Sykes, who was their host. Captain Britten had safely brought the party from New York through the Panama Canal as far as Hongkong, and he had no doubt that he would take the ship safely back to New York via the Suez Canal. The weather had not been so kind as the dancers wished that night, but to show their good feeling he would ask them to sing the old song "For he's a jolly good fellow." This was sung to the echo, followed by loud outbursts of applause.

Dr. Sweet said he had only one complaint against Mr. Sykes and that was he got them out of bed too early in the morning. (cheers.) After paying tribute to Captain Britten, he added that he had another complaint to make against the captain and that was that all the ladies had fallen in love with him. (Laughter) — and deserted the rest of the gallants. Nevertheless, they should feel thankful for the capable manner in which the captain had conducted the voyage.

Between courses, members of the party indulged in dancing, and were much impressed with the excellent floor, the delicately tinted lighting, and the orchestra, also with the rank of Commander in the Royal



TWO PEKING PICTURES



Dr. C. T. Wang at his desk at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs. In addition to being Foreign Minister, Dr. Wang is China's chief delegate at the Tariff Conference, Extraterritoriality Commission, and Sino-Russian Conference, all now in session in Peking.

On the occasion of the first anniversary of the signing of the Russo-Japanese Treaty, H. E. the Japanese Minister to Peking, Mr. Yoshizawa, wore for the first time his new decoration, the First Order of the Rising Sun, recently bestowed upon him by the Japanese Emperor in recognition of his services in negotiating this Treaty.

## RUBBER PRICES.

## MR. HOOVER TWITTERED ON HIS CONCEIT.

Washington, March 18. Commenting on Mr. Hoover's recent statement to the effect that his campaign against high rubber prices had been effective, the Sun recalls Rostand's barnyard "hero" who thought that his crowing made the sun rise. The paper says that Mr. Hoover is in danger of taking himself too seriously. If the price of rubber had been brought down simply by a little campaign on the part of the Secretary of Commerce, why does he not bring down antrachite prices, house rents and cost of living? — generally? — Reuter's America Service.

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This big Cunard liner, carries 350 tourists and started out on her long cruise from New York on January 14th. The tour is entirely under the management of Messrs. T. & J. Cook and Son, Ltd., who have specially chartered the Franconia for this trip.

## NEW VICEROY LEAVES.

Rugby, March 18.

The address for the defence was given by Mr. F. C. Jenkins yesterday afternoon. The first important point covered by counsel was that of Messrs. Moxon and Taylor standing by and delaying legal action against the defendant bank after discovery of its position as debtor for the loan in question.

In this connection, Counsel dealt with the changes of front alleged against their presentation of the case, firstly that up to the 18th September, Messrs. Moxon and Taylor never had recourse to anyone but Lammert's; secondly, that they then treated Lammert's as their agents; and, thirdly, that eventually they abandoned that position and treated Lammert's as they truly were, agents for the Man Chuen Bank. Those were the three so-called changes of position. All counsel would say was that if a man were convicted of dis-

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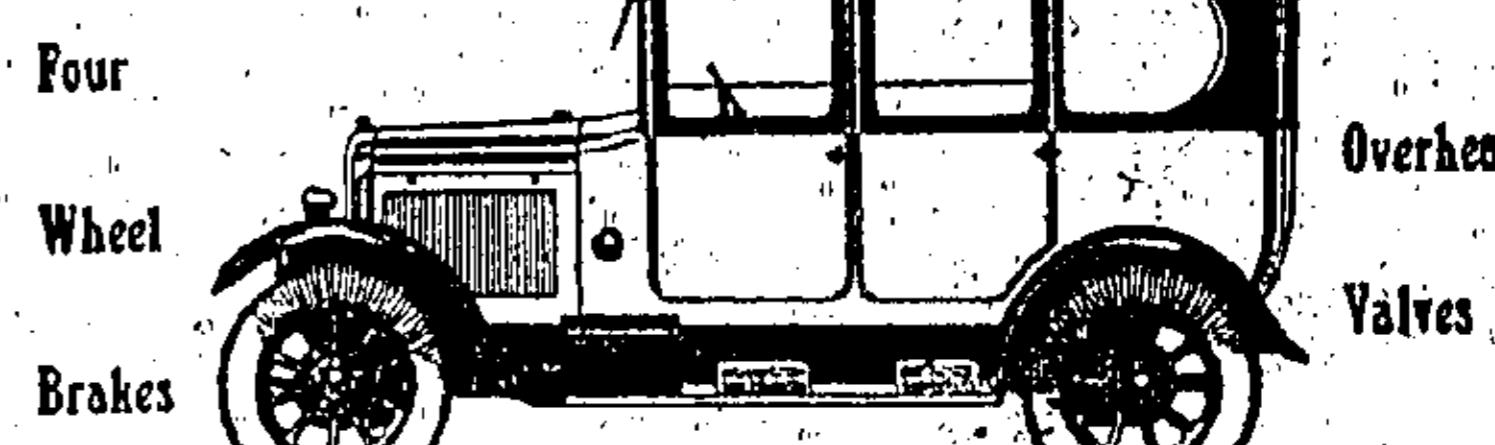
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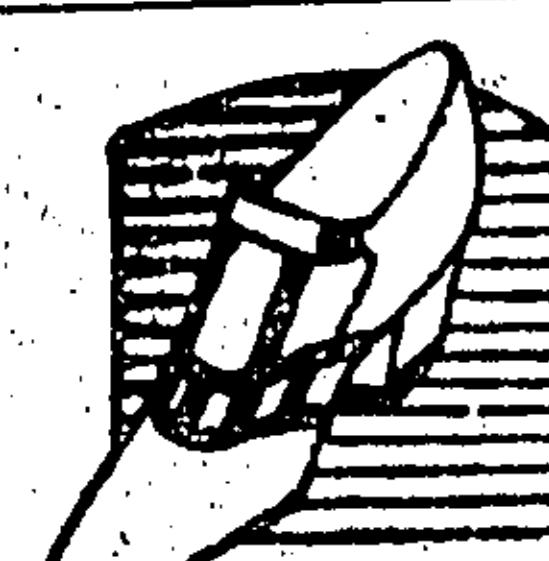
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## TRADE STATISTICS.

## DISCUSSION BY COUNCIL FINANCE COMMITTEE.

## DIVERSITY OF OPINION.

The Finance Committee of the Legislative council met yesterday to consider the question of re-establishing the Statistical Department. The Colonial Secretary presided and in introducing the subject said: Members of the Finance Committee will remember that at the last meeting we postponed the subject of the Statistical Department of the S. I. E. It was abolished last year at the time of the retrenchment, and no criticism was then made; in fact the opinion of the Government that it was not value for the money spent was supported by several members of the commercial community.

The Hon. Mr. David Landale, speaking on the 17th October 1918, in the Legislative Council said:

"We particularly wish to know in what way the \$50,000 asked for this year for the Imports and Exports Office is going to be spent. We wish to know how it is proposed to construct this building, and are most strongly adverse to any piecemeal construction such as was effected in building the Law Courts, with such disastrous results.

"We hope the construction of this building does not foreshadow a continuation of the irksome demands of this office which we only put up with as a war measure, and have very largely increased the clerical labours in all shipping and other offices. It must not be lost sight of that Hongkong owes its prosperity to the fact that until quite recently it was a free port and the sooner it becomes again a free port the better."

The Chamber's Invitation.

Subsequently the S. I. E. Mr. Lloyd, was invited by letter from the Chamber of Commerce to discuss with the Shipping Committee of the Chamber of Commerce this very question of the continuation of the Statistical Department of his office. His report I will read to you in a moment, and we can take the report at its face value because there has been no further letter from the Chamber of Commerce on the same subject. The report I may say is entirely adverse, and it is very clear that the Statistical Department cannot show value for money, and, in fact, is of no value whatsoever.

The invitation of the Chamber of Commerce was contained in a letter dated 28th April, 1924, which was as follows:

"With reference to the Government's letter dated March 28th, I am directed to enquire whether the Shipping Sub-Committee of this Chamber may have the advantage of a discussion with the statistical officer of the Imports and Exports Department on the subject of the suggested amendments to the regulations under the Imports and Exports Ordinance No. 12 of 1922. It is desired to discuss in connection with these amendments some suggestions whereby it is hoped that the clerical work of the Statistical Department, shipping companies and merchants alike may be reduced."

## Mr. Lloyd's Report.

Mr. Lloyd, in his report, stated: "As directed I attended a meeting of the Shipping Sub-Committee of the Chamber of Commerce to discuss the proposed amendments to the Ordinance for the registration of imports and exports. The Sub-Committee at once raised the whole question of permits. They pointed out the trouble in getting permits before shipping or taking delivery of cargo. They suggested that all permits should be abolished, and, in place, the steamship companies should furnish particulars of all cargo, or that merchants should be called on to furnish a periodical return of all cargo shipped or imported.

The Committee expressed the view that the collection of figures for purely Chinese exports and imports by coastal ships was mere waste of time and money and that the Chinese merchants did not make any use of the statistics at all. It was suggested that the keeping of statistics should be confined to the import and export of cargo from and to foreign countries other than China and the neighbouring ports, such as Singapore, Manila, Formosa and

trades have been lumped instead of being differentiated between. Statistical returns of imports and exports are of immense importance both to this Colony and the British manufacturers at home. I submit, Sir, that the small sum compared with the importance of the figures required for keeping up this department, is well worth spending, and that it would be a penny wise and pound foolish policy to cut out the department altogether. I do submit, Sir, that it is a necessity, and that we cannot afford to do without it.

The Chairman: The opinion of the Government is distinctly adverse to this further request from the Chamber that we should reconsider the matter. His Excellency is bringing the matter up for informal discussion now to see whether reasons sufficiently convincing can be brought forward to justify a reconsideration of the decision, which was formed, as I told you just now, on Mr. Lloyd's advice.

Hon. Mr. Bird: Can you inform us how many copies of these statistics were bought by merchants?

The Chairman: I think very few.

Mr. Lloyd: In 1922 the total number of returns sold were, I think, about 284. That is for a whole year, of five issues.

Hon. Mr. Holyoak: The value of this department cannot be estimated by the number of copies sold.

The Chairman: The question being discussed is whether the statistics are worth the expenditure. The expenditure will be something in the region of \$70,000, and then the accommodation for a large staff would be in addition to that. We cannot, in any event, put it in hand this year.

Hon. Mr. Holyoak: The Committee of the Chamber of Commerce felt at the time the department was closed it was a retrograde step, but as I already informed the Council we only had five days in which to consider the matter. From what I gather the discussion Mr. Lloyd had with the Sub-Committee of the Chamber was entirely with shipping men. Shipping Companies' Opposition.

The Chairman: At the meeting with the shipping committee, the opinions were distinctly adverse.

Hon. Mr. Holyoak: It was obvious the shipping companies would be opposed because it gives them a good deal of extra trouble. Whilst undoubtedly it did at the start give considerable extra work to shipping companies, to merchants and the Government departments, when it had been in operation for some time it began to work quite smoothly and there were practically no objections toward the end.

Hon. Mr. Bird: Why did the Chamber of Commerce appoint a Sub-Committee simply of shipping men?

Hon. Mr. Holyoak: I cannot recollect the exact circumstances which led to the appointment of that Committee. It would be dealt with first of all by the Shipping Sub-Committee because the information has to be supplied by them to Government officers.

Hon. Mr. Lloyd: To the best of my recollection Mr. Lloyd met the Sub-Committee of the Chamber of Commerce, and the question as a whole had never been dealt with by the General Committee of the Chamber. The first occasion the Committee had of dealing with it in recent years—we need not go back into the ancient history of 1918—was a letter from the Colonial Secretariat, dated 25th September, 1925, and stating that the department would be closed on the 30th September, 1925. It gave us exactly five days in which to discuss the matter. We held a meeting on the 28th September and there was insufficient time to go carefully into the whole question. You will note, Sir, that the objections which were raised in connection with this matter as being unnecessary and something in the nature of a nuisance, were raised almost entirely by the shipping members of the Sub-Committee. The general merchant feeling—I think, Sir, I speak with some confidence—of the Chamber and of the Colony, is that you cannot afford to have a first class port like Hongkong standing as the only place in the world which does not keep statistical records.

The Chairman: Another factor is that we are a free port and cannot keep accurate statistics.

Hon. Mr. Holyoak: Even so, Sir, they can be kept within a certain degree of exactitude and made enormously more useful by more sub-divisions, than they have in the past. Many of the records have been useless because whole

December 11th, 1925.

Sir—I have the honour to refer to the decision of Government to abolish the Statistical Branch of the Imports and Exports Department as from 1st October, 1925, announced in a letter to the Chamber from the Superintendent of Imports and Exports, dated 25th September. This decision has been carefully considered by several Committees of the Chamber and they are unanimous in urging that trade statistics are of vital service to the commerce of the Colony, and that the Statistical Branch should be reinstated, the system of Import and Export Declarations being revived in order to provide the material from which the statistics are compiled.

It appears from discussions during the introduction of the Budget that the consideration of expense weighed largely with the Government in deciding to abandon the compilation of statistics. The Chamber would urge that the saving of \$34,000,000 achieved by closing the Branch, is of comparatively small account in comparison with the normal trade of the Port, which last year amounted to £135,300,000. The statistics provide information of great value respecting foreign competition with British goods, the movement of commodities, and the fluctuations which occur from time to time in the staple trades of the Colony, for example, the rice trade, which in recent years has passed through vicissitudes clearly indicated in the statistics.

Through the present suspension of the Statistical Branch the effect of the anti-British Boycott upon the Colony's trade can only be vaguely estimated, although it is of the greatest importance to know as precisely as possible the strength and effectiveness of the action now being taken upon the Colony's vital resources. This year, Export Trade is principally affected, but in 1926, the full effect will begin to be felt upon Import Trade, and it will be highly desirable to resume the compilation of statistics with the beginning of the year, in order that the hiatus may be as far as practicable reduced.

As to possible means of reducing the cost of compiling statistics, it appears to this Chamber that clerical work might be lessened by classifying Chinese cargo under as few headings as possible. The Chinese Chamber of Commerce, in a letter to this body dated 27th May, 1924, expressed the opinion that the statistics of Chinese Trade with Far Eastern Ports have not much value to the Chinese shipping and trading community. Totals cannot be neglected, because the purely Chinese trade forms so large a proportion of the whole, but until Chinese merchants express a desire for differentiation of particular items it is considered that native trade might be treated under a few general headings for Statistical purposes, and the Department concentrate on articles of foreign commerce, in regard to which statistics are generally desired, and are more accurately obtainable.

The cost of the statistics might also, it is suggested, be reduced by abandonment of quarterly publication; publication of summaries only once a year; and sale of the statistics of each commodity on separate sheets as applied for, at a certain price, say \$1, per sheet. The Chamber trusts that the Government will find it possible to resume the compilation of the Trade Statistics at an early date. I have the honour to be, Sir, Your obedient servant,

M. F. KEY,  
Secretary.

The Hon. Colonial Secretary,  
Hongkong.

Report Quoted.

Hon. Mr. Holyoak: The Chamber of Commerce report for 1924 on this subject says:

"Explanation of the subject led to a discussion whether the Colony's trade statistics are worth the trouble and expense which their collection involves. A staff of 40 to 50 clerks is required and the cost of the Statistical Department is apparently close upon \$100,000 per annum, and this to collect statistics which are admittedly incomplete, since the returns do not include, amongst other things, general cargo arriving from ports in China south of Swatow and from Macao, a portion of the cargo arriving from the Chinese ports of Swatow, Amoy and Foochow, and cargo carried by native craft.

The Chamber's Case.

The Chairman: The latter is the opinion of the Secretary of the Chamber of Commerce sent in December, 1925, was as follows:

"It was ultimately decided to take the opinion of Merchants generally, as to the usefulness of

otherwise, of Trade Statistics, and as to the suggested alternative method of compiling them. A considerable majority expressed the opinion that Trade Statistics are of great use for business purposes, although most of the British and Foreign Merchants set no value upon statistics of native trade. The Chinese Chamber, on being asked, expressed a similar opinion with regard to the latter statistics. A large majority favoured the suggested new method of rendering a combined periodical Return on one form, in preference to filling up an Import or Export Permit in respect of each shipment."

The Chairman: I know a general opinion was expressed in direct contradiction to a previous general opinion.

Hon. Mr. Holyoak: There will never be unanimity on this subject, because quite naturally the shipping men would be opposed to it.

The Chairman: For what reason?

Hon. Mr. Holyoak: Because of the extra trouble of obtaining permits and the possible holding up of cargo.

Hon. Mr. A.O. Lang: It does not inconvenience the shipping office to any very great extent. I think the permits are obtained by the merchants themselves.

The Chairman: Is the value worth the cost?

Unofficial Member's Opinion.

Hon. Mr. Lang: That is a point I am not in a position to give an opinion on at the moment. The question one must ask oneself is of what use are these figures? I cannot say that they are of any great value to the merchant whatsoever. That has been my opinion all through and I have said so to the Chamber of Commerce, but my colleagues out-voted me, and of course I naturally bow to the opinion of the majority.

The Chairman: I am not asked to put the matter to a definite vote, but simply to ascertain whether in a general discussion reasons can be given to convince His Excellency that the decision should be reversed. So far we have a consensus of opinion on the other side, and not a unanimous general opinion. Shall I leave it at that?

Hon. Mr. Lang: If I could ascertain what use is made of these figures, I might easily change my opinion.

The Chairman: The Chamber of Commerce would be the right body to persuade you.

Hon. Mr. Lang: I certainly purchase every quarter copies of this publication, but I cannot remember having referred to it for quite a considerable time. I have sent copies of the publication home, and it has been pointed out to me that the figures are not quite accurate.

Hon. Mr. Holyoak: That is probably true. Take a concrete example. If you want to find out a year from now what effect the recent condition of affairs has had on the trade of the Colony, if you abandon your department you have no means whatsoever of finding out.

The Chairman: Is that worth the money?

Hon. Mr. Holyoak: Perhaps not in itself alone, but it ought to be information which a port of the importance of Hongkong ought to be able to give. Any little town in England has its Statistical Department.

Hon. Mr. Lang: Is it not possible to get practically all the information necessary in this connection from the Chinese Maritime Customs people? This, after all, is only a distributing centre—Hongkong is not a consuming centre—and most of the goods exported will go through the Maritime Customs.

The Chinese View.

The Chairman: You would certainly be sure of accuracy then. Mr. Kotewall, could you tell us how the Chinese view this question? Are the statistics of any particular value to them?

Hon. Mr. Kotewall: I believe about two years ago the Chinese Chamber of Commerce was consulted, but I think the question was considered by the Executive Committee and not the General Committee. My Chinese colleague and I ask that the Chinese Chamber of Commerce be given an opportunity to have the matter considered again by a full General Committee.

The Chairman: Have you considered it?

Hon. Mr. Kotewall: I think in the past it has been considered once—in 1924.

The Chairman: There was no great enthusiasm shown?

Hon. Mr. Kotewall: One way or the other no.</p

## LOCAL FOOTBALL.

## THREE SENIOR GAMES

Three Senior League games are down for decision to-morrow afternoon, the most important being that at Soakumpoo where the East Surreys will try conclusions with South China. Providing no more rain falls, the "A" ground will be in splendid condition for a good game, and as the result will have some bearing on the championship, a good crowd should be present apart from the usual followers of the South China team.

The Surreys were in good form on Wednesday, but Garland at centre-half was not nearly so dependable as was hoped. The Surreys should, however, win.

At Kowloon, the mainlanders have on paper an easy game, though the change in the forward line does not strike one as being a particularly brilliant move.

Several changes have been made in the team to represent the Club against the Police, the most notable being the transfer of Gerard from right back to centre-forward. Gerard has speed and weight and may infuse a little of the dash very necessary in the Club forward line.

The most interesting of the junior games is that between the Surreys Reserves and South China "A" on the Club ground. South China went down unexpectedly last Saturday and are likely to lose again.

Full fixtures, grounds and times are appended:

## Senior Division.

Surreys v South China—Soakumpoo—4.30.

Kowloon v Tamur—Kowloon—4.30.

## Club v Police—Club—4.30.

## Junior Division "A".

Surreys Res. v S. China "A"—Club—3 p.m.

Kowloon Res. v R. A. Res.—Kowloon—3 p.m.

## Junior Division "B".

S. China "C" v Moslems—Soakumpoo "A"—3 p.m.

University v St. Jos. Boarders—St. Joseph's—3 p.m.

The following teams have been selected to represent the Kowloon Football Club in League matches on Saturday.

1st XI v. H. M. S. "Tamar" on Kowloon ground, kick off 4.30 p.m.—Rasmussen; Wheeler and Read; Turner, Sims, McElvane; Taylor, Millard, Caveille, Duncan, Hayes. Reserve: Linaker.

Reserves v. R. G. A. Reserves on Kowloon ground, kick off 3.00 p.m.—Avery, Guest and Knight; Street, Sibley, Ollier; Sparry, H. Wheeler, Brown, Pasco, Miles. Reserves: Eastman, Nichols, and Hedley.

Club v. Police. The following have been selected to represent the Hongkong Football Club in their League game against the Police on Saturday on the Club ground, kick-off at 4.30 p.m.: Rodger; Summers, Bishop; Lyon, Howard, Watson, Brodie; Forsyth, Gerard, McBride and Key. Reserves: Pile, Bowker and Morrison.

## BOXING.

## NEW BRITISH HEAVYWEIGHT CHAMPION.

London, March 18. At the Albert Hall, in a twenty-rounds contest for the British Heavyweight Championship, Phil Scott knocked out the holder Frank Goddard in the third round. —Reuter.

## THE FIGHT DESCRIBED.

Goddard who was generously plastered with powder, presented a weird spectacle, his enormous bulk contrasting with Scott's muscular symmetry.

In the first round Scott landed a right which surprised the painfully slow Goddard. In the second round, Scott pierced the pitiful defense, but ran into a left, which seemed low, and went down for a count of six, but he finished the round by weakening Goddard. In the third round, Goddard opened aggressively but with little science and left himself dead open for Scott's left, which the latter followed up by a knock-out in the jaw with the right.—Reuter.

## 21 YEARS AGO.

## EXTRACTS FROM "TELEGRAPH" FILES.

The following items are extracted from the Telegraph files for the week ended March 18, 1905:

The rate of the dollar was 1s. 10.7/16d. on demand.

A notification is issued of the annual dinner of the Association of Yorkshiremen, to be held at the Hongkong Hotel on March 18th, Col. A. Chapman being the Hon. Secretary.

At a P. W. D. auction sale, Mr. Alfred Byer purchased Rural Building Lot, east of Mount Gough Reservoir, containing about 40,000 square feet, for \$4,820.

The Volunteer Reserve Association held a shoot at King's Park, over 200 yards, in which Mr. J. H. Pidgeon came out on top. Other competitors were Messrs. N. J. Stabb, Gershom Stewart, C. E. H. Beavis, C. H. W. Kew, H. H. J. Gompertz and H. E. Goldsmith.

The Dallas-Bandman Company had a season at the Theatre Royal, staging such old favourites as "Three Little Maids," "The Girl from Kays" and "The Gingalee."

The wedding of Mr. H. A. Lambert and Miss Florence Shaw took place in St. John's Cathedral on March 14th. The bride was attended by her sister, Miss E. Shaw, as bridesmaid, whilst Mr. H. Seth was "Best man." The officiating clergyman was the Rev. F. T. Johnson, and Mr. George Grimble was at the organ. A reception was later held at the residence of the bride's parents at East Point.

Share quotations include:—Banks, \$740; Unions, \$695; Ferries, \$29; Steamboats, \$26%; Wharves, \$104; Docks, \$207.

As the result of a fracas aboard the British sailing ship King George, a Spanish seaman named Hernandez was charged with the murder of a Danish seaman named Olsen by fatally stabbing him with a knife.

Burglars entered the residence of Mr. Ho Tung, at "Idlewild," Seymour Road, and stole \$500 worth of silverware and other articles.

The report of the China Sugar Refining Company showed a sum of \$1,003,812 available for appropriation, a dividend of over 50 per cent. having been declared.

A notice is published concerning the opening of the new Victoria School at Causeway Bay, the Headmaster being Mr. W. H. Williams.

It was notified that the new road through King's Park leading from Hung Hom Road to Robinson Road would be known as Gascoigne Road.

Colour Sergeant Bullock, of the 2nd Royal West Kent Regiment, gave a lecture in the City Hall on the new shortened military rifle. Sir Henry Berkeley, the Chairman of the Volunteer Reserve Association, presided.

The report of the Directors of the above Company for the year ended October 31st, 1925, states:

The net profit of the Company for the year under review, after providing for all bad and doubtful debts and allowing for depreciation of Accrual Water and other Machinery and Plant, Furniture, Fittings, Trade Utensils, Launches Motor Lorries, Motor Car, etc., amounts to... \$105,702.87

To which has to be added the balance brought forward from last year 49,723.36 Leaving available for appropriation.... \$155,426.23

We propose—To pay a dividend of 70 cents per share on 90,000 shares which will absorb \$63,000.00 Pay 52½ cents per share on 30,000 shares of the New Issue which will absorb.... 15,750.00 Place to Contingency Account.... 20,000.00 And carry forward to next account.... \$155,426.23

Board of Directors.—The existing Board of Directors consists of the Hon. Sir C. P. Chater, C.M.G., LL.D., Mr. J. Scott Harston, and Mr. H. P. White, who retire, but being eligible offer themselves for re-election.

Auditors.—The Company's Accounts have been audited by Mr. Brown, A.C.A., and Mr. H. Greenwood, A.C.A., who offer themselves for re-election.

## HOME FOOTBALL.

## INTERNATIONAL ARMY MATCH.

London, March 18. Playing at Stamford Bridge in the army triangular soccer tournament, the British Army and the Belgian Army drew, two goals all.—Reuter.

LEAGUE RESULTS.

In the Second Division of the League Swans beat Portsmouth, 1/0; and in the Third Division (North) Halifax beat Southport 3/0.—Reuter.

## BOAT RACE TRIAL.

## CAMBRIDGE ALSO DOES GOOD TIME.

London, March 18. The Cambridge crew did a full course trial this afternoon from Putney to Mortlake in 19 min. 18 sec. The conditions were not as good as for Oxford yesterday.—Reuter.

## LAWN TENNIS.

Tokyo, March 18. The Japanese Lawn Tennis Association has decided to send three entrants for the Davis Cup to America, Tawara, Toba and Harada. Tawara is regarded as the best player yet produced by Japan.—Reuter.

## SHARE PRICES.

## TO-DAY'S QUOTATIONS.

The following is the list of local share quotations issued to-day:—Banks.

Hongkong, \$1,055 sa.

Chartered, \$211 n.

Mercantile A. and B., \$30 b.

Mercantile C., \$134 b.

P. and O., \$91 n.

East Asia, \$79 b.

Marine Ins.

Canton Ins., \$620 b.

China Underwriters, \$1,80 sa.

North China, Tls. 145 n.

Unions, \$85 sa.

Yangtze, \$44 b.

Fire Ins.

China Fires, \$165 b.

Hongkong Fire, \$570 b.

Shipping.

Douglas, \$28 b.

Steamboats, \$241 b.

Tugs, \$31 b.

Indo-Chinas, \$38 n.

Shell Trans., \$86/6 b.

Star Ferries, \$65 sa.

Waterboats, \$15 b.

Oriental Nav., \$250 n.

Refineries.

China Sugars, \$271 sa.

Malabons, \$39 n.

Mining.

Bengquots, \$180 b.

Kailans, \$26 b.

Langkangs, Tls. 24 b.

Shai Explorations, Tls. 5.00 s.

Shanghai Loans, Tls. 7 n.

Rauys, \$5,00 b.

Tronoks, \$88 b.

Ural Caspians, \$8/— n.

Docks, etc.

Kowloon Wharves, \$130 s.

Whampoa Docks, \$631 sa.

Territorials, \$37 s.

Humphreys, \$141 b.

Princes Bldgs, \$100 sa.

Rural Lands, \$7 s.

Cottons.

Ewos, Tls. 9.40 b.

Orientals, Tls. 3 n.

Shai Cottons, Tls. 54 b.

Miscellaneous.

Amusements, \$114 b.

Canton Ices, \$71 n.

Cements, \$151 b.

China Buses, Tls. 101 b.

China Lights, \$211 sa.

China Prov., \$8.10 n.

Constructions, \$24 s.

Dairy Farms, \$20 sa.

Der A. Wing, \$10 n.

Electric, \$59 n.

Macao Electric, \$40 n.

Developments, 25 cents, n.

Ropes, \$30 s.

Telephones, \$340 n.

Tramways, \$241 s.

Lane Crawfords, \$11 b.

Mackintosh, \$211 n.

Peak Trams, \$161 b.

Sinceres, \$11 s.

Taxis, \$4 s.

United Asbestos, \$20 n.

Watsons (Old), \$114 b.

Watsons (New), \$11.10 b.

Powells, \$10 n.

Leaving available for appropriation.... \$155,426.23

## TRADE STATISTICS.

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can see so far there have been no very convincing reasons that I can submit to His Excellency for reversing the previous decision, but the opinion has been expressed on behalf of the Chamber of Commerce that Hongkong as a port of importance should have a statistical department.

Hon. Mr. Holyoak: I would like it to remain there. I should like, the whole question reopened and gone into most thoroughly. I think great deal more evidence can be produced to convince you that the case is not quite so flimsy as you consider, it or the argument so weak. After all it is not a very expensive department having regard to the value of the trade concerned.

The Chairman: It is not altogether the expense of the department, but the inconvenience to the community, apart from other considerations. If you desire that it should be left over it can very well be left. The two Chambers of Commerce can report in due course.

Hon. Mr. Holyoak: Will you write to the two Chambers and ask them for a further opinion?

Hon. Sir Shouson Chow: I should like to ask you to get the Government to write officially to the Chinese Chamber.

The Chairman: That can be done.

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EMPERESS OF RUSSIA	Apr. 2	Apr. 5	Apr. 8	Apr. 10
EMPERESS OF AUSTRALIA	Apr. 16	Apr. 19	Apr. 22	Apr. 24
EMPERESS OF ASIA	Apr. 30	May 3	May 6	May 8
EMPERESS OF CANADA	May 14	May 17	May 20	May 22
EMPERESS OF RUSSIA	May 28	May 31	Jun. 3	Jun. 5
EMPERESS OF AUSTRALIA	Jun. 11	Jun. 14	Jun. 16	Jun. 19
EMPERESS OF ASIA	Jun. 25	Jun. 27	Jun. 30	July 3

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LAHORE	5,252	11th April	S'pore & B'bay
DELTA	8,097	15th April	S'pore, P'ang, C'bo & B'bay
DEVANHA	8,155	17th April	M'les, L'don & Antwerp
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LEAGUE FIASCO.

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League at Genoa on September 1st.—Reuter.

WASHINGTON SURPRISED.

Washington, March 18. Reports that the League of Nations may ask the representatives of the Washington Government to explain the American reservations to the ratification of the World Court has caused a great surprise in the State Department. Mr. Kellogg has stated that the Government is dealing directly with the 48 members of the Court regarding the acceptance of its reservations, which it is understood, are approved by several Governments. Mr. Kellogg declined to indicate his action if the League persisted in attempting to deal with the matter.—Reuter's American Service.

RUSSIA STILL BANS SWITZERLAND.

Geneva, March 18. M. Chicherin has informed the Secretary General of the League, that Russia is prepared to participate in the meeting of the Preparatory Committee of the Economic Conference on April 24, if the venue is not in Switzerland.—Reuter.

GERMAN DELEGATES UPHELD.

Berlin, March 18. The Cabinet Council has unanimously approved of the attitude of the German delegates to Geneva.—Reuter.

COUNCIL MEETING CONCLUDES.

Geneva, March 18. The session of the League Council concluded after fixing May 17 as the date of the meeting of the Preparatory Committee to consider disarmament, on which the Argentina and Chile have been invited to sit as additional members.—Reuter.

CHINA'S REPLY.

DETAILS OF PEKING NOTE.

Peking, March 18. The official translation of the Foreign Ministry's reply to the Power's ultimatum shows that the latter portion, referring to the judging of a memorandum by the foreign naval forces at Tientsin, giving a time-limit, reads as follows:—

"Upon examination of the contents of this communication it appears that the naval forces at Tientsin thereby assumed an attitude which the Chinese Government considers

beyond the scope of the Protocol. The Chinese Government cannot recognise this as an equitable means.

"The competent Chinese military authorities have been authorised to take proper measures regarding the different clauses in the said communication, at the same time requesting Your Excellency to communicate with the Ministers having naval forces at Tientsin, to the end that they, from their side, immediately authorise their naval officers at Tientsin to enter into relations with the local Chinese military authorities in order to find proper ways and means for the maintenance of communications to the sea. It is essential that no recourse should be had to extreme (too hasty) methods in view of the existing friendship between China and the countries concerned.—Reuter.

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Total	\$1,050
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EXCHANGE RATES.

Rugby, March 18. To-day's exchange rates are as follows:

Paris	136
Brussels	121
Amsterdam	12.18 1/2
Berlin	20.48
Copenhagen	18.50
Vienna	34.48
Helsingfors	193
Lisbon	2 1/2
Buenos Aires	444
Shanghai	3/0 1/2
Yokohama	1/10 1/2
New York	4.80 26
Geneva	26.26
Milan	121
Stockholm	18.18
Oslo	22.78
Prague	164 1/2
Madrid	84.48
Rio	7 1/2
Bombay	1/6
Hongkong	2/8 1/2
Silver (spot)	30.3/16
Silver (forward)	30% 20%
	—British Wireless.

At noon, the following vessels were expected to be in communication with Hongkong to-day:

Japan, Devanha, President Madison, Kitano Maru, Tango Maru, Aki Maru, Celebes Maru; Empress of Canada, Namsang, Van Cloon, Tjiloeboot, Tjipanas, President Grant, Resolute, Kalyan, Amakusa Maru, Portos, Helens, Kidderpore, Hakata Maru, Oura Maru, Honzeng and City of Valencia.

BREACH OF PROMISE.

A CASE OF "REVOLTING HYPOCRISY."

Three times married, and now aged 66, James Tott, of Woodberry Down, Finsbury Park, was recently ordered to pay £300 damages for breach of promise.

"A story of revolting hypocrisy and deception—one of the worst cases ever placed before the court," was the description of the action given by Mr. J. D. Caswell, counsel for Miss Alma Grant, a typist, of Highbury-grove, London, in the King's Bench Division. Towards the end of the hearing Mr. Justice Horridge asked Tott: "Are you a deeply religious man?" "I was at one time," was the reply. Miss Grant's counsel, Mr. J. D. Caswell, said the couple met in 1922, when Miss Grant was 34. Both were employed by the same firm, Miss Grant as head typist at £3 15s. a week and Tott as chief accountant.

Tott began his attentions by leaving love-letters on her typewriter.

Meeting at Work.

At that time, said Mr. Caswell, he was not only a married man whose wife was living, but was the father of two other children. He said he was a widower.

Tott, who had been a Salvation Army officer, wrote on April 21:

"Wall, my loved one, this is my day, and, I will add, yours, too. The day I breathed life I entered this world as part of the Divine Will and purpose of His Kingdom."

From my first breath I have been tending to thee. Your life came; we have grown up, walked in life and through it all these years, and now come to the starting point of a joint life with one purpose—His Glory.

I will explain this great thought another time. This, dear, is a new day to me. I take you, dear Alma, right into my life.

Tott promised to marry the girl the following Christmas, but later changed the date to January 19.

"Secret" Divorce.

Following a discovery by Miss Grant's father, the girl left home and went to live in a room in Seven Sisters-road, N.

The marriage was again postponed, and later Tott told the girl that he was a married man, but promised to get a "secret divorce."

After Miss Grant's baby was born, said counsel, the woman's plight became pitiable. Tott did not send money with any regularity, and she was in a state of absolute starvation.

A friend named Mr. Bailey was so amazed at her condition that he went to see her father and begged him to take her back, but he refused.

Eventually the child was adopted, and Miss Grant, who had previously earned £3 15s. a week, became a kitchen maid at a public house at 17s. a week. Later she obtained a situation as a house-keeper at 22s. 6d. a week.

Miss Grant said she had never been engaged to anyone before she knew Tott. "I never had a sweet heart before," she added.

Answering counsel, she remarked, pathetically, "I wanted to make quite sure he was the good man he said he was. I told him I was terrified at the thought of his being a married man or anything else unpleasant."

Tott had never said he was a "grass widower." She did not know what the phrase meant.

Mr. Justice Horridge: A grass widower is a gentleman who is temporarily separated from his wife, and is put out to grass like a horse. (Laughter).

Tott, who was too deaf to hear questions from the witness-box, was allowed to give his evidence from the body of the court.

His first wife, he said, committed suicide 15 years after their marriage. He had told her that he had committed misconduct with a waitress. When she heard of this she worried and fretted.

Way to Truth.

After his wife's death he married the waitress. She proved to be already married.

Mr. Caswell: And she died?

Yes.

What happened to her husband? I do not know. I did not see him until after the funeral.

Tott said that when he married his present wife he did not intend to live with her.

Mr. Caswell: Then why did you marry her? It was a family

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